

MINUTES OF
CITY OF DUVALL
COUNCIL MEETING
9-13-01
7:00 PM

6:00 PM Council Workshop

Council Present: Jeane Baldwin, Mark Cole, Tom Loutsis, Pat Fullmer, Mayor Kuntz

Staff Present: Doreen Wise, Glenn Merryman, Steve King, Dianne Nelson,
Alana McCoy, Steven Leniszewski, Connie Zimmerman, Jodee Schwinn
John Milne

The City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Kuntz at 7:02 PM.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Under Consent Agenda:

Add: Payroll in the amount of \$103,227.44.
Claims in the amount of \$299,101.27.

Under Mayor:

Add: Appointment of Margie Coy to the Duvall Planning Commission term
ending 12/31/05.

Under New Business:

Add: #2. (AB01-47) a Resolution withdrawing from the Cascade Water Alliance.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Bill Losleben, 14244 Carn.-Duv. Rd., Duvall, wanted to bring to the Council's attention that the city limits sign, the compression brake sign and the speed limit sign of 30mph have not been moved out to the proper roadside positions on SR203 since the annexation of the Safeway property in 1995. He emphasized the present situation of trucks and cars traveling 55mph coming up on the stoplight is an accident waiting to happen. Mr. Losleben contacted Mr. John C. Milton at the WSDOT. Mr. Milton informed him he would look into it. Mr. Losleben feels it is time for the City to standardize their in-city speed limit.

Elizabeth Goode explained that the City can move the city limits sign, but she doesn't believe the City can move or change any operational signs on the highway. Changes would need to be coordinated with Washington State Department of Transportation because they have jurisdiction over the operation of the highway. The Mayor said he will contact WSDOT to discuss the issue again.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Was moved and seconded (Fullmer-Baldwin) to approve the consent agenda which included the Council Meeting Minutes of 8/23/01; Payroll in the amount of \$103,227.44; and Claims in the amount of \$299,101.27. Carried. (4 ayes).

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

MAYOR: Mayor Kuntz announced the appointment of **Margie Coy** to the Duvall Planning Commission position #5. This appointment will complete the unfinished term held by Alana McCoy ending 12/31/01, and is also for a four-year term ending 12/31/05. Councilmember Pat Fullmer confirmed the appointment, seconded by Councilmember Jeane Baldwin. Confirmation carried. (3 ayes). (Loutsis abstained-as he was not able to review the applicants.)

COUNCIL:

Councilmember Pat Fullmer, said that Carnation is going to be having a memorial gathering over the weekend, to honor the people who lost their lives in connection with the attacks in New York and Washington D.C. on Tuesday. She said that the City of Duvall will be posting information in the window at City Hall when they have all of the details.

STAFF:

Director of Public Works, Elizabeth Goode, relayed some of the memorial services that are being planned locally and around the country. Some of the things planned for tomorrow are: red, white, and blue day, a gathering at the flagpole outside of City Hall for a moment of silence, the Duvall Church is holding a memorial service that is open to everyone at 12:00 p.m., and at 7:00 p.m. tomorrow evening, everyone is encouraged to light a candle across the country. The public works department has put together a card that they are sending to the New York Public Works Department. They will also be taking flowers down to the international fountain at the Seattle Center. At the Woodstack Show and Shine on Saturday, there will also be a donation/baked goods booth. People can purchase baked goods or just make a donation. All proceeds will go directly to the Red Cross. Anyone wanting to provide baked goods to sell for the benefit can bring them down to the booth.

Elizabeth Goode also reported on the sewer treatment plant expansion. She said that a representative from Parametrix will be giving a brief overview tonight, and then a more detailed presentation at the next council meeting. She explained that it has been determined that the State Revolving Fund is the best way to acquire the funding needed for a treatment plant expansion. The goal is to get up to a \$5 million dollar grant, and a \$5 million dollar loan. Basically, a plant expansion would provide for better water quality and also allow for more capacity. The City would then need to work with its engineers, financial consultants and utility lawyer to divide the costs of the expansion and decide who pays for what. If the expansion is for better water quality, then everyone pays for the upgrade. If it is for expansion, then growth pays for growth. She introduced Doug Faulkner from Parametrix, the City's engineering consultants, to give a brief idea of the direction the City is headed with the sewer treatment plant in terms of getting prepared to apply for the State Revolving Fund.

Doug explained where the City is at in the facility planning process. Eventually, the next step for Duvall is to get approval of the plan by the Department of Ecology. Different types of technology have been discussed in previous council meetings, and the City has chosen the membrane technology to be used for the treatment plant upgrade. He stated membrane technology may be one of the more expensive technologies, but it also produces the highest quality effluent and has the least impact on the environment. The City is already pilot testing one of the brands of membrane technology right now at the treatment plant. A pilot unit has been brought in and will be started up next week. The report that is being prepared is complete as far as engineering, and they are now awaiting completion of the financial section. They have met with the Department of Ecology. Ecology now has a memorandum of understanding with the EPA on what is supposed to be included in this type of plan. The City must also meet EPA criteria because they will be seeking funding that is seeded from the Federal Government. He said a more detailed presentation will be given at the next council meeting.

Elizabeth Goode explained that this plan is closely tied to the grant. She emphasized that if the City can qualify for a grant by producing better water quality, than the grant may offset some of the costs of the expansion.

Capital Projects Manager, Connie Zimmerman, invited everyone to participate in the youth center community clean-up, Saturday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. She reported that the bidding for the youth center project should begin in the next couple of weeks. She plans to open the bids for the project construction in mid-October, and construction to begin by early November. The construction will probably last through February or March. The project will include work on the renovation of the exterior of the building, as well as, the interior of the first floors and garage. Big Rock Ball Park is under renovation of the existing front portion of the parcel. They are creating a new storm water detention system, a new parking lot and a new safer entryway. The construction will be completed in mid-October. She also reported that this past Monday and Wednesday evenings, children were practicing soccer on the fields.

City Hall Administrator/Planning Director, Doreen Wise, reported the City is receiving \$10,000 from Metro to put up a sign for the new Community Car Park. Local artist, Dan Cautrell, has been selected to design and create the sign. He has created two styles to choose from. The City is seeking public input on which design to use. The two designs will be available at City Hall to view and give your comments. The same artist is also going to be working on a project with students from the Eagle Rock Multi-Age Program to provide new art for a new bus shelter. Lastly, she reported that the Fire Department has submitted their application for the new fire station.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Dianne Nelson, Finance Director, distributed handouts detailing the City's revenue sources and expenditures. She also distributed a hand-out detailing the projected revenue losses should Initiative 747 be passed at the general election in November.

Public Hearing on City of Duvall 2002 Budget

The Public Hearing was opened: 7:52 pm.

Diane Roby, 27137 NE Miller Street, feels that a 6% per year increase on property taxes over a period of time can be very burdensome on families. She feels there needs to be some creative thinking to get funding elsewhere. Maybe, after the sewer treatment plant capacity problems are solved, business growth would help. She feels if the City enhances and supports the business district, and allows them to grow with the sewer increase, it would add to some of the sales tax revenue.

Lisa Yeager, Sno-Valley Senior Center, asked that Council remember the senior citizens when they are putting together the budget. She also thanked them for their past support of the Senior Center. The mission of the Senior Center is to be an effective provider of quality services to support the independence of seniors.

Ray Burhen, representing the Senior Center Finance Committee, said he realizes the City is going to have a tough time negotiating the budget this year. He said that in the past, the City has always supported the Center. He explained that the funding they receive from the County, Carnation and Duvall, goes a long way in continuing the Center and the various functions of the Center. They appreciate the past support and look forward to continued support in the future.

Carolyn Butler, Duvall Arts Commission, distributed a copy of a report that was recently released on the economic impact of the arts on the Eastside. The Eastside Arts Coalition has offered to bring their people out to various communities to present the information. She said they will be giving a report at the December Chamber of Commerce meeting for anyone who is interested in hearing how incredibly the arts impact neighborhoods and cities economically. She thanked the Council for their support of the Arts OnStage in the Park series. She asked Council for continued support for Arts OnStage in the Park for 2002. She said that the arts are one of the ways to bring people together, and remind us of our common humanity. She also asked Council to consider a 1% for the Arts program for capital projects. The City has a lot of capital projects coming up and she feels it would be an enhancement to the City.

Bill Losleben, 14244 Carn.-Duv. Rd., Duvall, congratulated Dianne Nelson, City Finance Director, on her budget report. He stated it was one of the best he has seen. He offered that if Initiative 747 does pass, the City is going to have to look at its operations and determine what is needed, and isn't needed. He suggested the City start working on that possibility right now. Council should be talking to the managers of the City and asking where they will be able to cut.

The Public Hearing was closed: 8:00 pm.

Public Hearing on Initiative 747

The Public Hearing was opened: 8:01 pm.

There were no comments.

The Public Hearing was closed: 8:02 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

1. (AB01-46) Resolution #01-19 Appointing the City Clerk as Agent of the City to Receive Claims for Damages. *Was moved and seconded (Baldwin-Fullmer) to Pass Resolution #01-19 appointing the City Clerk as Agent of the city to receive claims for damages. Carried. (4 ayes).*

2. (AB01-47) Resolution #01-20 Authorizing Withdrawal From and Terminating the City's Membership in the Cascade Water Alliance. *Was moved and seconded (Cole-Baldwin) to pass Resolution #01-20 authorizing withdrawal from and terminating the city's membership in the Cascade Water Alliance Commission.*

Councilmember Mark Cole explained that the Cascade Water Alliance was a group the City joined to look at other water sources. The CWA has not progressed in coming closer to getting a new contract with the City of Seattle. The Alliance has also started moving in a direction that is starting to financially obligate its members more. The City is withdrawing mainly from a financial obligation. The Resolution passed tonight will be forwarded to the CWA Board, and they will act on it. Councilmember Cole also feels it will go to the CWA Board with the recommendation that the City withdraws without any penalties.

The motion carried. (4 ayes).

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Potential Litigation – 30 Minutes

8:05: The Council Chambers were cleared for a 30-minute Executive Session on Potential Litigation.

8:35: The Regular Council Meeting reconvened to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT:
Meeting Adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Signed _____
Mayor Glen Kuntz

Attest _____
Jodee Schwinn, City Clerk